

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the second full paragraph on page 10, beginning on line 5, with the following amended paragraph:

The gateway software 60 provides communication to and from the devices to other computers and/or software that need to communicate with the embedded devices. The gateway software 60 is programmed to communicate with at least one type of embedded device. In the embodiments shown herein, the gateway 60 is programmed to communicate with several different types of embedded devices. Depending upon the type of device that the gateway needs to communicate with, different functionality may be programmed in the gateway. For example, if one device only understands [[on]] one protocol, the gateway may be programmed to also understand that protocol so that it may communicate with the device. Alternatively, the device may be programmed with an additional protocol that the gateway 60 understands.